Construction of Houses by HUDCO

1599. SHRI B. SATYANA-RAYAN R'RDDY : will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some years ago, HUDCO had taken up the construction of 800 housing units in the Mehrauli-Btidarpur Road area ;

(b) whether the HUDCO houses are still incomplete and not fit for habitation ;

(c) whether th'^ Chief Managing Director, HUDCO, had requested their Ministry to get the defecive houses completed through the agency of CPWD ; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to improve the performance of HUDCO ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Housing & Urban Devlopment Corporation (HUDCO) took up the construction of 875 housing units in the area in question.

(b) and (c) The work was del due to various reasons and problems encountered during the execution of works, such as, indadequ-atc and erratic supply of cement, abandoning the works by the contractors and subsequent litigations, etc. Substantial part of the works has been completed and the project is now being executed by the CPWD.

(d) HUDCO is primarily a financing and planning organisation and is not normally to undertake construction work.

Report of CVC on Consultancy Contracts to Private \rchitects

1600. SHRI B. SATYANA-R\YAN REDDY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Vigilance Commission **(CVC)** had in their Annual Report for the ye;ir 1982 brought out several irregularities that had occurred in the consultancy c JIV racts given to private architects by HUDCO ;

(b) whether the CVC had re-commended tbjt scru iny of tenders and exe .n'ion of works be entrusted to established Engineering Departments such as the Ce ltral Public Works Department (CPWD);

(c) whether the Chief Managing Director HUDCO, has been Jfi-cinlly propagating that the Central Public Works Department should entrust architec ural planning to private consultants on a turn-key basis and on higher fees, which is against the recommendation of the CVC ; and

(d) if so, whatacrion Government propose to take in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Ciiairman-cum-Managing Director, Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) has made certain suggestions in this regard . These require dstailed examination.

Filling up of Vacancies of LDCs from Group D Posts

1601. SHRI F. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING bepleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 88 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th July, 1986 and state :

(a) the number of limes depart-mental examinations have been con-ducted to fill up the vacancies in the cadre of LDCs from Group 'D' posts since 1982 in the Directorate General, Doordarshan ;